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SUBJ: DIETMEN PLAN TO LOBBY SENATE FOR UN UNIVERSITY

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SUMMARY: LDP DIETMEN BRIEFED AMBASSADOR ON THEIR SLECTION  
BY LARGE GROUP OF DIETMEN TO VISIT US SEPTEMBER 23-26 TO  
URGE SENATE RECONSIDER DENIAL OF FUNDS TO UN UNIVERSITY  
PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. LDP DIET MEMBERS YOHEI KONO AND KAZUHISA ARITA CALLED  
ON AMBASSADOR EARLY ON AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 19 TO TELL HIM  
THEY HAD BEEN SELECTED BY SUPRA-PARTY DIET GROUP TO GO TO  
WASHINGTON AND ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE SENATE TO RESTORE  
\$25 MILLION APPROPRIATION FOR UN UNIVERSITY (UNU).

2. KONO, AN INFLUENTIAL YOUNG LDP MEMBER OF LOWER HOUSE,  
HEADS "UNU DISCUSSION GROUP" WITHIN DIET, AND AD HOC LEAGUE  
OF MORE THAN 250 (OF 700 PLUS) DIETMEN DRAWN FROM ALL  
PARTIES. ARITA IS FIRST-TERM UPPER HOUSE MEMBER FROM FUKUOKA.  
KONO AND ARITA PLAN TO ENLIST DIETMEN HIDEO DEN AND TAMIO  
KAWAKAMI, NOW VISITING US AS MEMBER OS SOCIALIST PARTY  
MISSION HEADED BY SABURO EDA, IN JOINING APPROACH TO KEY  
SENATORS.

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3. KONO AND ARITA WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 23. PRESS OF DIET BUSINESS COMPELS THEM TO LEAVE NLT SEPTEMBER 26, AND THEY ARE THUS VERY CONCERNED TO MAKE BEST USE OF THEIR TIME.

4. THEY EXPECT TO REPLY ON JAPANESE EMBASSY FOR HELP IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS, ETC. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE WOULD ADVISE ASST SECRETARY HABIB OF THEIR MISSION AND THAT HE BELIEVED THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP IF NEED BE. HE ALSO MENTIONED AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AND ASST SECRETARY RICHARDSON AS TWO PEOPLE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE UNU.  
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